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JIT: USAO#2021R00127

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**ELIAS NICK COSTIANES, JR.,**

**Defendant.**

CRIMINAL NO. *JKB Jkr 458*

(Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, 21 U.S.C. § 846; Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by an Unlawful User of Any Controlled Substance, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3); Forfeiture, 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), 21 U.S.C. § 853, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))

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**INDICTMENT**

**COUNT ONE**

**(Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance)**

The Grand Jury for the District of Maryland charges that:

From in or about February 2020, through in or about February 2021, in the District of Maryland, and elsewhere, the Defendant,

**ELIAS NICK COSTIANES, JR.,**

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of testosterone, a Schedule III controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

21 U.S.C. § 846  
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)  
21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C)

**COUNT TWO**

**(Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance)**

The Grand Jury for the District of Maryland further charges that:

From in or about March 2020, through in or about December 2020, in the District of Maryland, and elsewhere, the Defendant,

**ELIAS NICK COSTIANES, JR.,**

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

21 U.S.C. § 846

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C)

**COUNT THREE**  
**(Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by  
an Unlawful User of Any Controlled Substance)**

The Grand Jury for the District of Maryland further charges that:

On or about February 12, 2021, in the District of Maryland, the Defendant,

**ELIAS NICK COSTIANES, JR.,**

knowing he was an unlawful user of a controlled substance as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802, knowingly possessed a firearm and ammunition: to wit, (a) one Glock 17 9mm pistol, bearing serial number SGS663; (b) one Smith & Wesson M&P 15 .556 caliber semi-automatic rifle, bearing serial number SN90598; (c) one Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle .223 caliber semi-automatic rifle, bearing serial number 580-94983; (d) one Remington Model 870 12-gauge shotgun, bearing no visible serial number; (e) one box of Federal .556 caliber ammunition; (f) four boxes of .22 caliber long rifle ammunition with unknown manufacturer; (g) ten boxes of Remington 12-gauge ammunition; (h) three boxes of Winchester 9mm ammunition; (i) three rounds of Federal 9mm ammunition; (j) six boxes of 12-gauge buckshot with unknown manufacturer; (k) one box of Winchester .556 caliber ammunition; (l) three boxes of Winchester .223 caliber ammunition; (m) one round of 12-gauge ammunition with unknown manufacturer; (n) 29 rounds of .223 caliber ammunition with unknown manufacturer; (o) 14 rounds of 9mm Luger ammunition; (p) 47 rounds of .22 caliber long rifle ammunition; (q) 14 rounds of Remington 12-gauge ammunition; and (r) 5 rounds of Winchester 12-gauge ammunition; (s) 100 rounds of Federal 9mm Luger ammunition; and **COSTIANES, JR.**'s possession thereof was in and affecting commerce.

18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3)

18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

The Grand Jury for the District of Maryland further finds that:

1. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2, notice is hereby given to the Defendant that the United States will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), 21 U.S.C. § 853, and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), in the event of the Defendant's convictions on Counts One, Two, and Three of this Indictment.

**Narcotics Forfeiture**

2. Upon conviction of the offenses set forth in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, the Defendant,

**ELIAS NICK COSTIANES, JR.,**

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), (1) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of the offense, and (2) any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense.

**Firearms and Ammunition Forfeiture**

3. Upon conviction of the offense set forth in Count Three of this Indictment, the Defendant,

**ELIAS NICK COSTIANES, JR.,**

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of the offense.

**Property Subject to Forfeiture**

4. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to:

- a. one Glock 17 9mm pistol, bearing serial number SGS663;

- b. one Smith & Wesson M&P 15 .556 caliber semi-automatic rifle, bearing serial number SN90598;
- c. one Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle .223 caliber semi-automatic rifle, bearing serial number 580-94983;
- d. one Remington Model 870 12-gauge shotgun, bearing no visible serial number;
- e. approximately one box of Federal .556 caliber ammunition;
- f. approximately four boxes of .22 caliber long rifle ammunition with unknown manufacturer;
- g. approximately ten boxes of Remington 12-gauge ammunition;
- h. approximately three boxes of Winchester 9mm ammunition;
- i. approximately three rounds of Federal 9mm ammunition;
- j. approximately six boxes of 12-gauge buckshot with unknown manufacturer;
- k. approximately one box of Winchester .556 caliber ammunition;
- l. approximately three boxes of Winchester .223 caliber ammunition;
- m. approximately one round of 12-gauge ammunition with unknown manufacturer;
- n. approximately 29 rounds of .223 caliber ammunition with unknown manufacturer;
- o. approximately 14 rounds of 9mm Luger ammunition;
- p. approximately 47 rounds of .22 caliber long rifle ammunition;
- q. approximately 14 rounds of Remington 12-gauge ammunition;
- r. approximately 5 rounds of Winchester 12-gauge ammunition; and
- s. approximately 100 rounds of Federal 9mm Luger ammunition.

**Substitute Assets**

5. If, as a result of any act or omission of the Defendant, any of the property described above:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be subdivided without difficulty,

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

18 U.S.C. § 924(d)  
21 U.S.C. § 853  
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)

  
EREK L. BARRON  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

A TRUE BILL:

11/18/2021  
Date

  
Foreperson